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means for generating a mechanical stress differential at the outside surface of the shell during ammunition initiation, wherein said differential enhances splinter generation and is spatially distributed across the shell.

3. (Twice Amended) The explosive ammunition according to claim 1, wherein the means for generating a stress differential comprises a netting solidly joined to the case or placed between the case and the shell, said netting constituting the weakening array.

4. (Twice Amended) The explosive ammunition according to claim 1, wherein the case is made of plastic.

5. (Twice Amended) The explosive ammunition according to claim 3, wherein the netting is imbedded in the case.

6. (Twice Amended) The explosive ammunition according to claim 1, wherein the array is fitted with square elementary meshes.

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7. (Twice Amended) The explosive ammunition according to claim 1, wherein the shell is made of steel or tungsten.

8. (Twice Amended) The explosive ammunition according to claim 1, wherein the case constitutes a nose cone.
